

On page 16, line 26, please delete "power" and insert as a substitute -- powder --.

In the Claims:

1. (amended) A method for treating pathologies characterized by [an] a deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue, comprising contacting said tissue with [an] a TGF- $\beta$  specific inhibitory agent which suppresses the extracellular matrix producing activity of TGF- $\beta$  in the tissue.

In claim 2, line 1, after "is" please insert -- an --.

6. (amended) A method of inhibiting the accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue, comprising suppressing the extracellular matrix producing activity of TGF- $\beta$  in the tissue by contacting the tissue with an effective amount of a TGF- $\beta$  specific agent to inhibit said accumulation.

7. (amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said agent is an anti-TGF- $\beta$  antibody [suppressing the activity of TGF- $\beta$  comprises contacting the tissue with anti-TGF- $\beta$  antibodies].

13. (amended) A method of decreasing the production of a proteoglycan by a cell which produces a proteoglycan, comprising decreasing the amount of TGF- $\beta$  or inhibiting the proteoglycan production stimulating activity of TGF- $\beta$  to which said cell is exposed.

REMARKS

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